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FM AMCONSUL CALCUTTA

TO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

SECSTATE WASHDC 6165

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: SCUL

SUBJECT: NEW YORK COSMOS SOCCER TEAM (PELE) TRIP TO CALCUTTA

1. MR. DEY WHO OWNS DEY'S MEDICAL STORES (P) LTD, 6/2B LINDSAY STREET, CALCUTTA, CALLED ON CONOFF TO ADVISE HIM THAT NEGOTITIONS FOR A ONE DAY MATCH BETWEEN THE NEW YORK COSMOS, WITH PELE, AND THE MOHUN BAGAN SOCCER TEAM OF CALCUTTA, HAVE ALMOST BEEN COMPLETED. THE MATCH IS SCHEDULED TO BE PLAYED EITHER SEPTEMBER 24 OR 25 OF 1977.

2. EY HAS RECEIVED RBI PERMISSION TO RELEASE \$5,000 TO THE NEW YORK COSMOS IN ADDITION TO PAYING FOR THE PASSAGE OF THE 24-26 MEMBERS OF THE TEAM FROM NEW YORK TO TOKYO, HONG KONG SINGAPORE, CALCUTTA, AND BACK TO NEW YORK. (THE TEAM HAS ENGAGEMENTS IN THOSE CITIES.) DEY ALSO HAS PERMISSION TO PAY RUPEES TO THE TEAM WHILE IN INDIA.

3. WASHINGTON CONTACT FOR DEY IS ASIT CHATTERJEE OF THE INDIAN LEAGUE WHO MR. DY IS KNOWN TO THE INDIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, MR CHATTERJEE'S ADDRESS IS 1710 TILDEN DRIVE, SILVER SPRING, MD. 20902. HIS HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER IS (301) 593-4725, HIS OFFICE PHONE (301) 657-2769.

4. MR. DEY WISHES TO CALL ON THE AMBASSADOR TO INFORM HIM OF THE OFFER AND TO REQUEST HIS ASSISTANCE. WE HAVE PROVIDED UNCLASSIFIED

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THE NAME OF SYLVIA BAZALLA AS CONTACT POINT.

5. LAST YEAR DEY WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN BRINGING TWO SOCCER TEAMS TO INDIA, CROOK TOWN OF U.K. AND RUSSIAN TEAM. DEY IS REPUTABLE BUSINESSMAN AND SPORTSMAN. LIEBOWITZ

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